

Agreement of the Communique and Preparation for Returning Home

The conference met for a final time in plenary to discuss the conference statement and to engage in a short exercise that would prepare them for pursuing policy initiatives on their return home.

Format

Overnight a small group of participants from the conference were involved in writing and checking a potential conference statement.

The draft of this was then taken to a full plenary session of the conference for discussion and amendment.

In the remaining hour before the closing ceremony, Warren Feek conducted a short session during which the participants thought about and agreed on 2 practice and 2 policy ideas that they would take home with them. They then practised communicating these to the relevant Government Minister or official.

Outcomes

The conference statement is a separate document which is available from CYP. The participants asked the Commonwealth Secretary-General to forward this to Commonwealth Heads of Government at their meeting in Kuala Lumpur in October, 1989.

The Policy and Practice ideas remain personal to the participants.